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## THREE INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY

Alleged Plotters in Behalf of  
Germany Must Face  
Court.

### RELEASED ON HEAVY BAIL

Rumored Koenig Will Confess  
Part in Attempt to De-  
stroy Canal.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Indictments were returned to-day charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American Line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, an antique dealer, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland Canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American Line watchman, also was indicted with Koenig on charges of conspiracy to secure military information for the German government.

Koenig, Leyendecker, and Justice were held in bonds of \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$25,000, respectively, when they pleaded not guilty at their arraignment before Federal Judge Mayer later in the day. The bail was furnished by the Hamburg-American Line through a surety company, and the prisoners were released.

### CHARGED WITH PLANNING

#### MILITARY ENTERPRISE

The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charge them with conspiring to set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada. The indictments set forth that a part of this alleged conspiracy was to destroy with dynamite or other means the Welland Canal, leading from Port Colborne, on Lake Erie, to Port Dalhousie, on Lake Ontario.

As a part of the plot to destroy the canal, the indictments allege, Koenig and Leyendecker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

The military force, which the indictments charge Koenig and Leyendecker planned to send from this country, was intended to destroy various plants and properties in Canada other than the Welland Canal.

### MANY TRIPS MADE

#### AS PART OF CONSPIRACY

In this connection, it is charged that Justice made trips to Portland, Me.; Burlington, Vt.; and Quebec, Canada, during September, 1914, and that all of these trips were a part of the conspiracy to secure military information for the German government. Koenig, in his various activities, is alleged to have been known under the aliases of Wagner, Wengkamp, Kelly, Winter and Perkins, while Leyendecker was known as Z. A. Becker and H. Becker. Indictments, which were drawn by Assistant United States Attorneys Roger Wood and Benjamin A. Matthews, charge that on several of his trips Justice was accompanied by Frederick Metzler, Koenig's stenographer, who was recently arrested and appeared before the Federal grand jury which returned the indictments to-day.

The maximum penalty for the charges is five years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine.

### RUMORED THAT KOENIG

#### MAY MAKE CONFESSION

Koenig is said to have made overtures to government officials looking toward a confession. This was the information that came this evening from an official source.

The informant stated that Koenig had made a partial confession to officials of the Department of Justice. Federal officials refused to discuss the apparent change of front by Koenig. It was definitely established, however, that Koenig was in telephonic communication with the office of Captain William M. O'Leary.

The rumor of a confession arose an hour after Koenig, Leyendecker and Justice were arraigned before Federal Judge Mayer to plead to the two indictments returned by the grand jury.

### BELIEVE HE CAN TEAR

#### ASIDE VEIL OF MYSTERY

The Federal authorities believe that Koenig was as close a dummy as Leyendecker and Justice. They are certain that he could tear aside the veil of mystery that has surrounded the men who directed his activities. These include, the authorities believe, at least two millionaire steamship men, several financiers and three or more diplomats high in the service of a foreign power.

"Koenig has given us some information that has proven of value," said a United States official to-night, "but he has not revealed a tithe of the knowledge that we know he has."

"Koenig can give us legal evidence against the big men in the plot. He can reveal the nub of foreign propaganda here. He can tell us the identity of the men whom he represented. Particularly, he is able to tell us to whom he turned over valuable documents which he took to Washington periodically."

### WOMEN APPEAL FOR VOTE

#### Premier of Manitoba Tells Them Bill Is Prepared, and He Hopes for Its Passage.

WINNIPEG, MAN., December 23.—A petition asking for the enfranchisement of Manitoba women, and signed by 35,334 women of the province, was presented to Premier Norris to-day by a deputation from the Political Equality League.

The Premier assured the women that the bill providing for equal suffrage had been prepared, adding that the government hoped for its early passage at the coming session of the Legislature.

## Epidemic of Grip Kills 650 People

Death Rate So Great That Penn-  
sylvania State Authorities  
Take Action.

PHILADELPHIA, December 23.—The death rate from the epidemic of grip, now sweeping the State, is so high that Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, issued a statement at Harrisburg to-night calling attention to the seriousness of the situation, and cautioned the public that if the disease is to be avoided, "sacrifices must be made."

"Keep out of crowded places," Dr. Dixon says, "as one person having the grip may give it to a carload of passengers."

In this city the Bureau of Vital Statistics issued 656 burial permits during the first three days of this week, the majority of the deaths being due directly or indirectly to grip. This is more than double the ordinary death rate. It is estimated that nearly 15,000 persons in Philadelphia alone are suffering with the disease, which has been particularly fatal to the very old and the very young.

Attendance at the public schools has been greatly reduced, and in several sections of the State schools and colleges have closed. Factories, department stores and other business houses have also been affected, and, in many instances, the number of employees has been reduced, and in several cases great as to seriously curtailed operations. Firemen and policemen are confined to their homes, while the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company reports that 400 of its employees are on the sick list.

Reports from Camden, N. J., to-night were to the effect that there are at least 1,000 cases in that city, with fifty deaths during the past week.

### MRS. JOHN ASTOR RETURNS

She Comes From European War Zone  
to Spend Holidays With Her  
Children.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW YORK, December 23.—Mrs. John Astor arrived from England to-day aboard the steamer Rotterdam. With her came Lionel, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Guinness. Sometimes when children are unaccompanied by their parents or a legal guardian, they are sent to Ellis Island, where proof of their citizenship and relationship is required. Lionel, however, was kept in the ship's saloon until the liner docked, and then Mr. Guinness arrived and took charge of his son.

At the pier were Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor and Miss Alice Muriel Astor. Mrs. Astor declined to speak of her experiences in England and France, and said she had come over to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and daughter.

### WHAT FAILURE COST

Great Britain's Loss of Officers and Men  
in Dardanelles Reaches  
112,921.

LONDON, December 23.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to December 11 was 112,921.

This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 25,278. In addition to the total of casualties, the number of sick admitted to hospitals was 96,882. The losses were distributed as follows:

Killed, officers, 1,669; men, 23,676; wounded, officers, 2,969; men, 72,222; missing, officers, 337; men, 12,114.

### NINE PERISH IN WRECK

Engineer and Eight Negroes Killed  
When Train Came Together  
Head-On.

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 23.—Engineer Irbly Read, of Nashville, and eight negro laborers were killed, and Fireman Harmon Lear, of Nashville, received fatal injuries in a head-on collision between a freight and a passenger train on the N. C. & St. L. R. to-day. Twenty other laborers were less seriously injured. The accident occurred between Sherwood and Rockledge in a deep cut. The passenger train was loaded with laborers.

### FUENTES INAUGURATED

He Becomes President of Chile With  
Solemn Ceremonies in Presence  
of Great Throng.

SANTIAGO, CHILE, December 23.—The new President of the republic, Juan Luis San Fuentès, was inaugurated to-day with solemn ceremonies in the presence of the Congress. Diplomatic representatives, military and civil authorities and a great throng of people were in attendance. After the ceremonies the entire assemblage attended a Te Deum in the cathedral.

### NEW CHRISTMAS DELICACY

Ostrich Meat Will Grace Many New  
York Tables, Displacing the  
Turkey.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW YORK, December 23.—A consignment of twenty ostriches, dressed for restaurant consumption, has reached this city. This is the first shipment of its kind received here, and the bird will appear on many menus as a substitute for turkey. This, with horse meat, gives New York City two entirely new kinds of food.

### JAMES R. STUART DIED

MADISON, WIS., December 23.—James R. Stuart, eighty-one years old, well known as an artist, died of pneumonia here last night. Mr. Stuart was a native of South Carolina. He served in the Confederate army in the Civil War, later settling in Wisconsin.

### \$450 BALTIMORE AND RETURN

via York River Line, Arrives at 10:30 P. M.  
Richmond 4:30 P. M. Phone Madison 22.

## HENRY FORD QUILTS HIS PEACE PARTY

Takes Passage for Home to Rest  
Tired and Overworked  
Nerves.

### REPORT FROM KRISTIANIA

Ignorant of His Departure, Re-  
mainder of Expedition Leaves  
for Stockholm.

COPENHAGEN, December 23 (via London).—A dispatch to the National Tidende from Kristiania says that Henry Ford left Kristiania secretly for Bergen, where he expected to-night to go aboard the Norwegian-American Line steamer Bergensfjord, in order to return to the United States. The dispatch reports that the reason for Mr. Ford's sudden departure was said to be that his doctor had ordered him to rest his tired and overworked nerves.

The remainder of the expedition, ignorant of Mr. Ford's departure, left Stockholm to-day, the dispatch says.

### INVITATION TO NORWEGIANS

#### MEETS WITH NO RESPONSE

KRISTIANIA, December 23 (via London).—Henry Ford, who has been sick during his stay here and unable to attend the meetings of the peace mission, left this morning on the regular train for Stockholm. The other members of the party left later on a special train, with the exception of Governor L. B. Hanna, of North Dakota, who proceeded to Copenhagen.

The invitation to Norwegian friends of peace to join the party has met with no response. The Kristiania papers express doubt that a representative Norwegian would accept the invitation. The press and public are unanimous in giving praise to Mr. Ford for his good will and high idealism. The newspapers call him "a most congenial gentleman," but regret that he has not consulted experts on international law.

The general opinion voiced here is that the mission will do little toward promoting peace negotiations.

### REPORTED DISSENSIONS

#### ARE DENIED BY FORD

CHICAGO, December 23.—Reported dissension among members of the Ford peace party was denied in a cablegram received from Mr. Ford by Miss Jane Addams at Hull House to-day. It was dated Kristiania, Norway, December 21, and read as follows:

"All press reports about dissension on board unfounded. Only a few journalists tried to make separate stories for their papers by inventing everything through vivid imagination. Hope your faith in the success of our mission is as unshaken as ours. Norwegian people are splendid. Hope to see you join our party."

### "HENRY FORD"

#### MUCH LEGAL ORATORY

For Four Days Lawyers Argue for  
Acquittal of New Haven  
Directors.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Counsel for the defense at the trial of the eleven former directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, charged with criminal conspiracy under the Sherman antitrust law, finished to-day what was said to be the longest argument for the dismissal of a case in the history of the local Federal Court. It commenced on Monday.

The answer of government counsel was begun at its conclusion, and will continue to-morrow. Court will adjourn at noon to-day. Tuesday, when it is expected Judge Hunt will give his decision.

During the four days of legal oratory, special pleas for the direction of separate verdicts of acquittal have been made in behalf of each of the eleven defendants, with one exception. That exception was William Rockefeller, who was a member of the New Haven board before the enactment of the Sherman law, and the only defendant on trial charged with participation in the entire conspiracy. His counsel, Richard V. Lindabury, decided to rest his client's case, in so far as Judge Hunt has power to determine it, on the general motion to dismiss the indictment entirely.

### GOES TO NEW YORK TIMES

Charles W. Knapp, Publisher of St.  
Louis Republic, Is Secured  
by Ochs.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Announcement that Charles W. Knapp, publisher of the St. Louis Republic, will become associated with the management of the New York Times in the capacity of treasurer of the company, was made to-day by Adolph S. Ochs, the publisher.

Mr. Knapp has been in the service of the Republic, of which his father, Colonel John Knapp, was one of the owners, since 1867. He became president and publisher in 1887. He was one of the organizers of the Associated Press, of which he is a director, and of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

### AID FOR JEWISH SUFFERERS

More Than \$500,000 Will Be Cabled to  
Relief of Stricken People in  
War Zone.

NEW YORK, December 23.—The joint distribution committee of the organization raising a fund of \$5,000,000 for Jewish war sufferers in Europe, decided at a meeting here to-day to cable to various war-stricken sections more than \$500,000, nearly all the cash on hand. The money will be divided as follows:

"Jewish relief committee in Petrograd, \$210,000; relief of sufferers in German Poland, \$120,000; Galician sufferers, \$110,000; Jews of Palestine, \$55,000; Jews at Saloniki \$20,000."

## OPPORTUNITY FUND IS NOW COMPLETE

Generous Public Comes to Re-  
lief of Five Families Whose  
Cases Are Presented.

### HOW MONEY WILL BE USED

Further Contributions Will Go to  
Families Where Bread-  
winners Are Ill.

The Times-Dispatch announces with considerable pleasure that the "Five Opportunities" pointed out through its columns have been taken advantage of by its generous readers, and that yesterday this paper was able to hand over its check for \$944 to General Secretary James Buchanan, of the Associated Charities of Richmond, under whose watchful care the funds donated will be given to those people for whom intended by the givers.

While the funds have been given at Christmas time and in the spirit of Christmas giving, still the money will not be expended hurriedly. From as time to time, throughout the year, as the funds are needed, each family, or individual, for whom they are intended will find a careful summary of the needs of each of the "Five Opportunities" was made. No more than the exact amount needed was asked for. Though the money was given at this time, and though intended as a Christmas gift in many cases, yet those who gave will think each day that he or she is that day contributing to the life and happiness of some one who needs it.

### WILL NAME SYMPATHETIC

#### FRIEND TO DISTRIBUTE FUND

The method of the distribution is being carefully worked out by Secretary Buchanan. He will in each case appoint some intimate and sympathetic friend to distribute the funds for him. He will keep the account of each "Opportunity" separate and will give these funds from time to time upon the call of the agent working in each case. He expects to be able to announce in the near future just who each agent is and to state which "Opportunity" he or she has charge of.

So generous were the readers of the Times-Dispatch that the \$944 was raised and already a surplus of \$17.70 is on hand. This amount, however, will find a place considerably larger than it can fill. Several cases of urgent need have arisen in the past few days, especially cases of pneumonia, among the very poor. Calls for these are urgent, and the surplus will be used to relieve them so far as possible at once. In one case the breadwinner of a family has been taken to a hospital, leaving his family in actual want.

### NO LOSS OF SELF-RESPECT

#### ON PART OF THOSE AIDED

In his letter, acknowledging the receipt of the check for \$944, Secretary Buchanan shows the plan under which funds are distributed by the Associated Charities. He points out the necessity of giving to the poor, and at the same time shows that to be of value the help must be so extended that it will not cause a loss of self-respect on the part of the recipient.

Those who give through the Associated Charities are well aware of the methods employed by this organization. They feel that they are giving assistance to those who are really in need. Names who are not worthy will be able to secure a part of these funds. Yesterday a balance of \$134.30 was needed to complete the amount. Early in the day contributions were received by mail and by hand until the fund was complete, and Secretary Buchanan was notified to call and receive the check. All surplus funds received at the Times-Dispatch office will also be turned over to him and applied to other "opportunities," which he will find all too easily.

The Times-Dispatch wishes to thank its readers whose generosity has brought gladness into the lives of those for whom this paper issued its call for aid. It did not for a moment doubt that when the opportunity was given there would be a response as ready as it was generous. At this time, when one has his friends to remember with gifts, possibly money is scarcer than at most any other season, and to give to those one has never met, but to give for the love of the giving and to give for real charity and aid, comes within the real meaning of Christmas.

### SECRETARY BUCHANAN

#### ACKNOWLEDGES CHECK

Richmond, Va., Dec. 23, 1915.  
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir.—In acknowledging receipt of your check for \$944, I will say that it will give us great pleasure to make arrangements for the five cases represented by the "Five Opportunities." The five opportunities represent typical cases of need which the Associated Charities has to deal with all during the year. In cases Nos. 2, 3 and 5, the mothers are worthy women, well vouched for and able to hold their families together. The advantage to these children of being raised by their mothers instead of being sent to institutions are incalculable. The saving of self-respect by having their needs administered discreetly by a friend of the family, selected because of their judgment, discretion and Christian character, will uphold the hands of the mother and give peace and direction

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### NEW PULMAN BUFFET PARLOR CAR

Between Richmond and Danville  
Via Southern Railway Daily. Leave Rich-  
mond 10:25 A. M., arrive Danville 1:15 P. M.  
Returning, leave Danville 3:10 P. M., arrive  
Richmond 5:30 P. M.

## Five Opportunities

Total amount asked for..... \$944.00  
Contributed to date..... 961.70  
Excess for other relief work..... \$17.70

The Times-Dispatch offered to its readers on Monday, December 13, the opportunity of assisting at this time in the relief of five worthy cases which had been investigated and found in need. The response was prompt and liberal, and the entire fund has not only been subscribed, thus relieving for a year to come the necessities of five Richmond families, but there is also a surplus in hand of \$17.70, which will be used with any further contributions which may come in for the immediate relief during Christmas week of several cases of pneumonia and other ailments which were brought to the attention of the Associated Charities yesterday.

Cases in which relief has been provided, with the amounts received yesterday, follow:

**OPPORTUNITY No. 1.**  
Nurse who has helped others, and who is now asking assistance for herself. Her health is broken and she without income. Amount needed, \$180.

Contributions received yesterday:  
Cash..... \$ 1.00  
E. C. B..... 1.00  
E. H. Dugan, Jr..... 1.00  
A. Friend..... 1.00  
M. H. N..... 2.00  
R. S. N..... 2.00  
Miss L. B. Rosenbaum..... 1.00  
P. A. L..... 1.00  
Assistant Nurse..... 1.00  
D. C. A..... 1.00  
Cash..... 1.00  
B. H. G..... 2.00  
Mrs. H. A. P..... 1.00  
Mrs. N. C. P..... 1.00  
Mrs. M. T. S..... 2.00  
Tragle Drug Co..... 2.00  
Miss Annie B. Lee..... 1.00  
D. T. Williams..... 1.00  
Total..... \$180.00

### OPPORTUNITY No. 2.

Widow with six children to care for. She has only \$10.00 to give her so that she may not be separated from her loved ones. Her oldest child is in the hospital, and the youngest to work, though he would if he could. For this family \$200 is needed.

Contributions received yesterday:  
Cash..... \$ 4.00  
E. C. B..... 1.00  
E. H. Dugan, Jr..... 1.00  
H. B. B..... 2.00  
R. and C..... 1.00  
A. Friend..... 1.00  
Mrs. M. T. S..... 2.00  
Cash..... 1.00  
Miss L. B. Rosenbaum..... 1.00  
P. A. L..... 1.00  
D. C. A..... 1.00  
Cash..... 1.00  
Master Nelson H. Lewis..... 1.00  
P. C. A..... 1.00  
B. H. G..... 1.00  
Mrs. H. A. P..... 1.00  
Mrs. N. C. P..... 1.00  
Previously acknowledged..... 168.50  
Total..... \$200.00

### SURPLUS OPPORTUNITY FUND.

For relief during Christmas week of several families in which there is serious illness.

Master J. L. W. Jr..... \$ 5.00  
Mrs. S. C. P..... 2.00  
E. H. W..... 2.00  
Total..... \$17.70

### OPPORTUNITY No. 3.

Deserted woman with three children asks aid, that she may keep her family with her. She will keep help only until that time when the children will be able to support her. She can be assisted with \$144.

Contributions previously acknowledged being the total amount asked for the support of this family to \$144, the amount needed for their maintenance during 1916. Any further contributions that may come in for this cause will be used for emergency relief of cases of immediate illness.

### OPPORTUNITY No. 4.

Confederate soldier who fought through the War Between the States and wishes never to be separated from his wife. For the veteran and his wife \$120 will be sufficient.

Contributions already received being the total amount asked for the support of this couple to \$120, the amount needed for their maintenance during 1916. Any further contributions that may come in for this cause will be credited to relief of urgent cases of immediate illness.

### OPPORTUNITY No. 5.

A man is dying of tuberculosis. He has a wife and four children. He can no longer contribute to their support. He is in the hospital and treatment, and he would like aid so that he may not be separated from those whom he loves most dear. For him and his family \$300 is needed.

Contributions received yesterday:  
E. C. B..... \$ 1.00  
E. H. Dugan, Jr..... 1.00  
A. Friend..... 1.00  
M. H. N..... 2.00  
P. A. L..... 1.00  
Cash..... 1.00  
P. C. A..... 1.00  
Cash..... 1.00  
L. B. Duggett..... 2.00  
R. H. G..... 2.00  
Mrs. N. C. P..... 2.00  
Mrs. H. A. P..... 2.00  
Mrs. J. L. W. Jr..... 2.00  
Tragle Drug Co..... 1.50  
Cash..... 2.50  
Miss Annie B. Lee..... 2.00  
J. S. J..... 1.25  
Previously acknowledged..... 235.75  
Total..... \$300.00

### GERMANS CLAIM CAPTURE

#### OF HARTMANN-WEILERKOPF

LONDON, December 23.—Hartmann-Weilerkopf, the summit of the Germans claim to have retaken, together with over 1,500 prisoners, is the only point of first-class activity on the western front, while on the eastern fighting lines there has been little evidence of any disturbance in the Christmas lull in the past twenty-four hours. There have been some clashes in Galicia, with minor successes on both sides, and the Russian forces in Persia are fighting twenty-five miles from Teheran.

### GERMAN PUBLIC IS UNEASY

#### OVER GERMAN OPERATIONS

The Greek public's uneasiness over the possibility of an early extension of Germanic operations to Greek territory increases hourly, and the Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is stated that Parliament, as soon as it meets, will declare martial law, in order to muzzle the opposition press which has been mercilessly attacking the government.

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### GENERAL BOARD REPORT

#### WAS MADE LAST JULY

The general board report referred to by Mr. Wood's message last July in response to an oral expression of opinion at the earliest practicable date as to a policy which should govern the development of the Navy Department and a building program. In a subsequent report, already made public, prepared in reply to a request that it formulate a continuing five-year program, during which time \$500,000,000 was to be expended for new ships, the board summarized the policy previously prepared as follows:

"The navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world. It should be gradually increased to this point by such rate of development, year by year, as may be permitted by the facilities of the country, but the limit above defined should be attained not later than 1925."

Publication of this report in full is now considering. He said to-day he had determined to present it to the committee of Congress when the hearings began.

The general board's policy apparently contemplates a two-power standard for the American navy, in declaring it should equal "the most powerful maintained by any other nation in the world" not later than 1925. The British navy, now far in advance of that of any other power in strength, is

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## GREECE PREPARES TO MEET INVASION OF TEUTON FORCES

Martial Law Will Be De-  
clared To-Day as Result of  
Dangerous Situation.

### CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IS BELIEVED CERTAIN

Summit of Hartmanns-Weiler-  
kopf Retaken by Germans, To-  
gether With 1,500 Prisoners.

### CHRISTMAS LULL ELSEWHERE

British Correspondents Scoff at Re-  
port of Immediate Offense  
at Saloniki.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

LONDON, December 23.—Martial law will be declared in Greece to-morrow as a result of the dangerous situation arising from the change in the government and the expected invasion by Austro-German troops.

This news is contained in a dispatch from Athens to the Tribune at Rome. It is confirmed in a special to the London Standard from its correspondent at the Greek capital.

The Greek Cabinet was still in session at a late hour to-night, after being closed for the greater part of the afternoon and evening. Three important steps will be taken as a result of the meeting, it is reported. They are:

1. Appointment of a new Premier to succeed M. Skouloudis.

2. Proclamation of martial law throughout the country.

3. Declaration of views by the Greek government, in view of the imminence of a Teuton drive on Saloniki.

It is expected that M. Gounaris will succeed M. Skouloudis as Premier. He is the outstanding leader of the "neutrality party," which won an overwhelming victory at the polls in the recent election. M. Skouloudis, at the time he accepted the portfolio, expressed a wish to be allowed to withdraw as soon as possible in favor of a younger man.

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